

FORCEFUL EXPRESSIONS.

Power of Illustration in the Turn of a Phrase.

Russell Lowell said, "There's a deal of solid kicking in the meekest of mules." If the statement had been, "There's a good deal of obstinacy in the meekest of mules," the remark might have passed without a moment's notice, but attached to such a simile as the poet used it will be difficult for the mind ever to get rid of it. Mazzini says, "Labor is the divine law of our existence." This is little more than commonplace, but when he added, "Repose is desertion and suicide," the commonplace was transfigured into a memorable illustration.

A French writer said, "The really efficient laborer will be found not to waste his day with work." That seems like a forgettable. When he adds, "He will wander to his task surrounded by a wide halo of ease and leisure," the simile serves the purpose of an explanatory illustration.

President Garfield once said, "Nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself." The tossing overboard was the illustration. The sagacious president gave it significance and emphasis by personal reference. "In all my acquaintance I never knew a man to be drowned who was worth the saving."

When Lavater said, "Habit is altogether too arbitrary a master for me to submit to," it was the word "master" that constituted the memorable illustration.

Carlyle, a great master of metaphor, said truly, "No man lives without jostling and being jostled. In all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and receiving offense." The doctrine of this sentence might easily have become a mere platitude, but it is fixed upon the memory by jostling and being jostled and the elbowing of oneself through the world. This illustration is the very making of the argument.—Joseph Parker, D. D., in *Homiletic Review*.

SOME METALS.

Iridium, worth more than \$750 a pound, is the hardest metal known and is used to tip gold pens.

Lithium, worth more than \$1,100 a pound, is used only in medicine, its salts being valuable in rheumatic affections.

Tungsten, worth 50 cents a pound, is largely used in metallurgy and gives steel qualities similar to those imparted by molybdenum.

Molybdenum, worth \$1.44 a pound, is used in metallurgy. Molybdenum steel possesses the rare quality of preserving its hardness even when heated to redness.

Selenium, which has the curious property of losing its resistance to the electric current under the influence of light, is used in the telegraph and is worth \$22 a pound.

Uranium, worth \$86 a pound, is used in the glass and porcelain industries. It has been found that uranium carbide is superior to nickel or tungsten in the manufacture of high-grade steel.

Palladium, which has the smallest coefficient of dilatation, is used for the mounting of astronomical instruments. The standard meter of France is made of palladium. The pure metal costs \$82 a pound.

Vanadium oxidizes in air with great difficulty, melts at 2,000 degrees and becomes red-hot in hydrogen. Neither hydrochloric acid nor nitric acid attacks it. It costs \$362 a pound and is used in coloring glass and in making indelible inks.

Italy's Marriage Brokers.

Marriage brokers are a regular institution in Italy. In Genoa there are several marriage brokers who have pocketbooks filled with the names of the marriageable girls of the different classes, with notes of their figures, personal attractions, fortune and other circumstances. These brokers go about endeavoring to arrange matrimonial alliances in the same offhand mercantile manner which they would bring to bear upon a purely business transaction, and when they succeed they get a commission of 2 or 3 per cent upon the dowry, with such extras of bonuses as may be voluntarily bestowed by the party.

Animals in Turkey.

In Turkey the partridge is detested because once it betrayed the prophet to his enemies, and its legs are red because they were dipped in the blood of Hassan. If a man kills a panther, he is imprisoned for twenty-four hours and then is handsomely rewarded. The snake is respected, and it is a crime to kill it.

The Crocodile.

The crocodile's lower jaw is not attached to the skull, as is the case with other animals, but the skull is attached in the jaw, so that the animal can lift the upper part of its head upon a hinge and so capture whatever prey may be at hand without going to the trouble of getting upon its legs.

What He Wanted to Say.

"Prisoner at the bar," said the judge, "is there anything you wish to say before sentence is passed on you?" The prisoner looked wistfully toward the door and remarked that he would like to say "Good evening," if it would be agreeable to the company.

Not a Sensible Man.

Daughter—Oh, mamma, I do wish I were pretty!
Mother—You needn't, dear. Sensible men think very little about beauty.
Daughter—But it isn't sensible men I'm thinking about, mamma; it's Charles.

SAMOAN COSTUMES.

Made With a Hatchet, a Club and a Pot of Paint.

In the south seas dresses are made with a hatchet, a club and a pot of paint. Every housewife is her own robe and habit maker. When she feels the need of a new gown, she goes and chops down a tree. When her husband needs a new suit, she chops down another tree. That is easy, for men and women are clad exactly alike—a plain fold of cloth caught about the waist and hanging loosely to the knee or shin. The races inhabiting the islands of the tropical Pacific are almost alone in having no idea of the loom and the various arts of the spinner and weaver. This lack is undoubtedly due to the natural provision of material which renders a woven cloth unnecessary to this primitive people. The only fabric used in that part of the world is a crude, tough paper made of bast. The tree from which the material is derived is the paper mulberry, or *Broussonetia papyrifera*, which is grown in plantations under the sole charge of women and is also found wild in all parts of the islands. In archipelagoes so highly advanced as Samoa and Tonga, where women have none of the coarser work to do, the entire care of the mulberry plantations rests with the women of each village.

The trees are planted closely to insure a spindling growth without lateral branches. The plant will grow from seed. In such a climate there is no difficulty about getting things to grow, but experience has shown that better results follow the planting of twigs from the sturdier wild trees. In about three years from planting the tree will be in the best condition for the clothmakers. In that time it will attain a height of twelve feet or more, and the trunk will have a uniform diameter of rather less than two inches. About four feet of the trunk is waste and not available for the particular purpose for which the tree is grown; the first two feet from the base is too tough to work well, and the two feet at the top is too soft. If the tree is properly grown and left to mature, there will be available for the clothmaker a stick of eight feet in the clear and as straight as a measuring rod, without knots or branches and of uniform girth throughout.—New York Tribune.

A Story of a Father's Love.

Old Mr. — has an only daughter. They are of lowly rank, but he is honest and industrious. By trade he is a puddler in a foundry, and he earns \$4.50 a day. Twenty years ago the wife and mother died, and the child of five became the old man's pet. Twelve years ago he sold his property and spent all his money in sending her abroad to study music. She came back two years ago a famous singer and a matchless beauty and refused to own her father. He has moved to the east side in order that by living on a pittance he may have \$20 every week to give her to buy clothes. Every week he sends it, and every week she spends it, though she neither sees nor writes to him. Week after week he grows a little prouder and also a little sadder.—City Missionary in Ladies' Home Journal.

December's Names.

December, so called from being the tenth month when the year began in March, has probably had more names conferred upon it than any other of the twelve into which our year is now divided. Among the early Saxons it was called Winter Monath, or winter month. After their conversion to Christianity they called it Heligh Monath, or holy month, in honor of the birth of Christ. In later days in Germany it was called Christ Monath for the same reason. Fires used to be lighted for warmth in this month, and the want of chimneys used to cause a too obvious inconvenience, which led to its being called Fumosa, or smoky. It was also dubbed Canus, or hoary, from the snows or hoarfrosts which then generally whizzed the higher grounds.

The Force of Cyclones.

Careful estimates of the force of a cyclone and the energy required to keep a full fledged hurricane in active operation reveal the presence of a power that makes the mightiest efforts of men appear as nothing in comparison. A force fully equal to over 400,000,000 horsepower was estimated as developed in a West Indian cyclone. This is about fifteen times the power that can be developed by all the means within the range of man's capabilities during the same time. Were steam, water, windmills and the strength of all men and all animals combined they could not at all approach the tremendous force exerted.

A Test of Friendship.

A gentleman has tried the following peculiar way of probing the ties of friendship. He sent letters to twenty intimate friends asking for a loan of a pound. Thirteen of the two dozen friends did not reply at all, five declined to lend the money, two promised to send it on the next day and did not do it, one sent his "last 10 shillings," and only three sent the full sum asked for. The supplicant and all the "friends" he had written to are well off.—St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya.

One Sign of Old Age.

Henry—How can a man tell when he begins to get old?
John—Well, a man has begun to get old when he finds out that he would rather sit by the fire than go sleigh riding.—Detroit Free Press.

Nerve Required.

Perdita—Did you say, "This is so sudden?"
Constance—I didn't have the nerve. You know how he stutters.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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FOURTH WEEK OF THE July Furniture Sale.
The whirl of activity still continues in this unexcelled department of Fine Furniture, and we are equally prepared to serve your every need, whether it be a simple office chair or the most elaborate pieces for home furnishing. Everything new, up to date, perfect in construction, finish and materials, and best of all, there's a saving of 20 to 40 per cent. on every piece. The Feature for This Week will be a general clean up among the Brass beds, which have been specially reduced, because some of the styles are to be discontinued.

House Furnishings.
A few suggestions for hot weather comfort at unusually low cost.
Governor Refrigerator—Solid oak antique finish, lined with galvanized iron, removable ice chambers, adjustable shelves, removable waste pipe, extension spring door hinges, filled with mineral wool. We have 5 sizes to select from. Size No. 8, 34 inches wide, 21 1/2-inch depth, 49 height, reg. price 17.98, special 17.98.
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Lawn Mowers—Dewey, 4 blade cutter, your choice, 12 14, 16 18-in., reg. 3.19, special 2.85.
Clothes Wringers—Empire, turns with half the labor of others, regular 3.75, special 3.38.
Knock-Down Window Frames—Walnut stained, 40x40 in. complete without wire, regular 19c, special 17c.

Washable Fabrics.
Here's an opportunity that will be welcomed by many women who are looking to economize on just such pretty summer dress stuffs.
Embroidered and Dotted Swiss, white grounds with black dots and small designs, a fine sheer fabric for shirt waists and entire costumes, value 50c, at, 35c per yard.
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